

“Failing” Schools as Defined by the Alabama Accountability Act of 2015

Purpose

- (a) Innovative schools and school systems may be established in Alabama in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) The purpose of this chapter is to advance the benefits of local school and school system autonomy in innovation and creativity by allowing flexibility from state laws, regulations, and policies.

(Act 2015-434, p.7)

A Failing School is a public K-12 school that is either of the following:

- (a) Is designated as a failing school by the State Superintendent of Education.
- (b) Does not exclusively serve a special population of students and is listed in the lowest six percent of public K-12 schools based on the state standardized assessment in reading and math.

Business Rules for Calculation to meet Section 5(b) of ACT 2015-434:

1. Determine current/open schools and remove any school that exclusively serves a special population.
2. Determine the bottom 6% of Alabama schools for school year 2016-2017 based on the state standardized assessment in reading and math.
3. This list will be revised annually in accordance with the law.